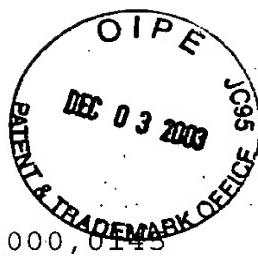


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**RESPONSE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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